

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A beverage container, comprising:
2 a vessel having an interior that is adapted to hold a beverage, wherein the
3 vessel has a closed bottom end and an open top end, and wherein the bottom end defines a
4 cavity that is fluidly sealed from the interior of the vessel;
5 a cooling element that is configured to fit within the cavity;
6 a base comprising a bottom member and a stem extending vertically upward
7 from the bottom member, wherein the base includes a connector that is configured to be
8 coupled to the bottom end of the vessel and to enclose the cooling element within the cavity.
- 1 2. A container as in claim 1, wherein the connector comprises a threaded
2 end on the stem, wherein the cavity includes a threaded section, and wherein the threaded end
3 is configured to be screwed up into the cavity using the threaded section.
- 1 3. A container as in claim 1, wherein the cavity is generally cylindrical in
2 geometry and extends vertically upward into the interior of the vessel, and wherein the
3 cooling element comprises a cylinder that is filled with a cooling substance.
- 1 4. A beverage container as in claim 2, wherein the connector and the
2 vessel are constructed of a material selected from a group consisting of glass, hard plastic,
3 and glass coated with hard plastic.
- 1 5. A container as in claim 1, wherein the vessel has a shape selected from
2 a group consisting of a mug, a regular wine glass, a red wine glass, a white wine glass, a
3 martini glass, a tumbler, a stein glass, a margarita glass, a brandy snifter and a champagne
4 glass.
- 1 6. A beverage container comprising:
2 a vessel having an interior that is adapted to hold a beverage, wherein the
3 vessel has a closed bottom end and an open top end, and wherein the bottom end defines a
4 generally hemispherical cavity that is fluidly sealed from the interior of the vessel;
5 a generally hemispherical cooling element that is configured to fit within the
6 cavity;
7 a base having a connector that is configured to be coupled to the bottom end of
8 the vessel and to enclose the cooling element within the cavity.

1 7. A beverage container as in claim 6, wherein the bottom end includes a
2 generally hemispherical surface that partially defines the interior of the vessel.

1 8. A beverage container as in claim 7, wherein the connector comprises
2 threads on the base, and wherein the bottom end of the vessel includes threads to permit the
3 base to be screwed into the vessel.

1 9. A beverage container kit comprising:
2 a vessel having an interior that is adapted to hold a beverage, wherein the
3 vessel has a closed bottom end and an open top end, and wherein the bottom end defines a
4 cavity that is fluidly sealed from the interior of the vessel;
5 a cooling element that is configured to fit within the cavity;
6 a base comprising a connector that is configured to be coupled to the bottom
7 end of the vessel and to enclose the cooling element within the cavity;
8 a tray having a plurality of holding regions for holding cooling elements,
9 whereby the tray may be placed in a freezer to cool the cooling elements.

1 10. A kit as in claim 9, wherein the tray includes a plurality of recesses
2 integrally formed in the tray to define the holding regions.

1 11. A kit as in claim 10, wherein the recesses are in a shape selected from
2 a group consisting of semi-cylindrical and semi-spherical.

1 12. A kit as in claim 9, wherein the base further comprises a bottom
2 member and a stem extending vertically upward from the bottom member.

1 13. A kit as in claim 12, wherein the connector comprises a threaded end
2 on the stem, wherein the cavity includes a threaded section, and wherein the threaded end is
3 configured to be screwed up into the cavity using the threaded section.